

THAT I MIGHT FINISH MY COURSE WITH JOY

Acts 20:7-27

Paul in Troas.

Acts 20:7 Commitment to getting message out

Disregard for own comfort

Thirsty people

Acts 20:8 People sitting on every word of the apostle.

Acts 20:9 Even Paul had people sleeping during his sermons

Acts 20:10 Compassion and the power of God

People on fire for God --want more preaching & teaching

Acts 20:12-13 Awesome time on road to Assos. Praying, singing, worshipping.

Acts 20:14-16 Awareness of time...In a hurry to do will of God.

Acts 20:17 Awareness of potential... reach reachable and teach teachable.

Acts 20:18-19 Servant leader

Tender heart

Mac: *Those who share Paul's passion will share his tears.*

Moved Paul to tears:

1. Lost souls. Romans 9:2-3
2. Backslidden and carnal Christians. 2 Corinthians 2:4
3. Vulnerable Christians. Acts 20:31

Went through hard times

Acts 20:20 Commitment to helping them...profit

Life message and biblical teaching.

One on one.

Acts 20:21 No discrimination

Repentance toward God: attitude of salvation

Faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ: direction of salvation..

Acts 20:22-23 Mighty in spirit

Man of faith

Phillips: *He longed to see, with his own eyes, some of the damage repaired, and the Holy Spirit respected that. He allowed Paul to go, but He left Paul in no doubt as to what he could expect.*

Acts 20:24 Focused

Unselfish accountant

Committed runner

Phillips: *He was prepared to lose both liberty and life itself in the cause of Christ.*

Faithful steward

Wiersbe: *The steward owns little or nothing, but he possesses all things. His sole purpose is to serve his master and please him. ... The steward must one day give an account of his ministry, and Paul was ready for that day.*

Consistent witness

Mac: *The clear emphasis is on grace, the unmerited favor of God by which He forgives undeserving sinners the totality of their sins and freely, mercifully gives them the complete righteousness of Jesus Christ.*

Acts 20:25 Herald of the king

Wiersbe: *The witness tells what has happened to him, but the herald tells what the king tells him to declare. He is a man commissioned and sent with a message, and he must not change that message in any way. ...*

Acts 20:26 Watchman on the wall... Ezekiel 3:17-21; 33:1-9.

Acts 20:27 Biblicist

So What? How do we measure up to God's missionary?

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